GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:242
ANSWERED ON:07.03.2003
WITHDRAWAL OF FCI FROM PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
P. RAJENDRAN

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to withdraw the Food Corporation of India from the procurement of foodgrains;

(b) if so, the alternate arrangements proposed for procurement of foodgrains and their distribution;

(c) whether the Government have considered the impact of the decision on supply of foodgrains to deficit and remote State like Kerala in maintaining supply to the Fair Price Shops and Public Distribution System; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.242 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 07-03-2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): No, Sir. The existing system of procurement of foodgrains for supply to States underTPDS and other Welfare Schemes is proposed to be continued by the Government.

(b)to(d): Do not arise.